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Operations Officer, FBID

Disposition of FBID Operational Memoranda

1. Op. Memo 551-5 (and its antecedent 550-8, which is not in your file) must be decided by Chief, FBID. If retained, the nature of the requirement presumably can be spelled out in a regulation.

2. Op. Memo 551-7 can be canceled. 551-6 and 551-6/1 cannot be canceled or incorporated into the regulations practicably, but will be included in the Field Operations Manual for which I am presently collecting material.

3. The other operational memoranda in your file attached can be judged by Editorial and Special Reports Branches.

4. Your file of Op. Memos is very incomplete. Still in effect are twelve others, of which only two appear cancelable; and it should be done by the Chief, FBID. They are 550-9 and 550-11.

a. Of the ten others, 550-12 and 550-14 cannot be canceled or reissued as regulations but will ultimately appear (in revised form) in the Field Operations Manual.

b. Two, 550-1 and 550-2, should be rewritten as regulations, the former by the Chief, FBID, and the latter by the Liaison Officer.

c. Op. Memo 549-1 will be rewritten as a regulation by the Field Operations Officer.

d. Op. Memo 550-4 still applies as policy editorially, I believe, although may be subject to revision as the result of a suggestion forwarded thru the Efficiency Awards Committee which is now under consideration. In what form it should be passed to the field as a standing policy I hesitate to say, but it is not exactly "Regulation" material.

e. Op. Memos 550-10, 550-7 and 549-1 establish the present status of Weather Reporting and cannot be canceled without substituting something; again, a "Regulation" is not the vehicle to accomplish this, it seems to me.

f. Op. Memo 550-5 can be canceled so far as paragraph one is concerned; but paragraph two should be on the record somewhere, and it seems to me that the Editorial Field Manual is the place.

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